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DEATH Fire investigators have determined an electrical short in the ceiling space in the rear bedroom of the mobile home caused Wednesday's fatal fire that killed a 57-year-old Fairview man.

The man, identified by neighbours as John O'Brien, was the only person in the home.

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Juno Awards

The Juno awards are set to take place this Sunday in Vancouver, and Metro has your guide to the event:

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Environment The world unites for Earth Hour



Earth Hour is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. People around the world are asked to do their part to fight global warming and switch off their lights for an hour. Halifax is playing its part, which you can read more about on Page 12 with Paul McLeod's Urban Compass column. Also, go to metronews.ca/go-inggreen for a message from James Leape, the director general of WWF International.

Six nabbed in child porn bust

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 for Metro Halifax

ARRESTS Police raided homes across Nova Scotia yesterday, arresting six metro men over child-porn accusations as part of a nationwide Internet sex abuse sweep.

Members of the Internet Child Exploitation Unit searched nine residences:

seven in HRM, one in Mount Uniacke and one in Kentville. Six men aged 18 to 50 were arrested and computers seized.

Four of the men were released but will later appear in court to face charges of possession, accessing and distribution of child pornography. Two men were released without charges. Police wouldn't say where the men charged were from.

Earlier in the week, RCMP arrested a man in North Sydney and a man from Westville, Pictou Co., as part of the same operation.

Police don't suspect any of the men of having inappropriate contact with children in person.

But "these on-line images and videos contain real victims; real children," said RCMP Superintendent John Bilinski.

Waterside decision overruled

Board backs building plan

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The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board reversed council's decision on the Waterside Centre development Thursday.

It's the nine-storey office building proposal for Upper Water Street that council nixed in October. Premier Rodney MacDonald expressed frustration with council's decision last fall, saying office space and jobs are what Halifax needs during a sour economy.

Armour Group appealed the decision before the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, and Thursday they ordered council to approve the Waterside development.

"It's not the approach council hoped for but the process is one that must be respected," Mayor Peter Kelly said yesterday.

Council now has two choices: either follow the UARB's order to approve the Armour Group development, or take the matter to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

"Right now it would be premature to speculate how council might go," Kelly said.

Kelly added that the UARB considered the eco-

nomics for Armour Group and the municipality, which council didn't look into. He said council focused strictly on the planning elements when they voted.

"We dealt with it as we deemed appropriate based on the planning interpretations of the current rules," he said. "The board didn't see it in the same light and that process we must respect."

But in the UARB's decision, it states Waterside fit the intentions of the Municipal Planning Strategy (council's current rules for developments).

While the mayor was less than thrilled by the decision, Deputy Premier Angus MacIsaac said Thursday he was quite pleased.

"I think it's one that will allow us to move forward with respect to providing the level of office space we need in Halifax."

He said it's rare when the province steps into a municipal matter and it was appropriate in this case with job creation at stake.

"We took the decision we took and we'd do it again," he said.

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Work terms extended for 200 seasonal workers

The province extended work terms for 200 seasonal highway workers yesterday. Typically the province hires 500 people for winter maintenance, such as snow clearing, and lays them off in March, rehiring 200 in the summer season. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



MacNeil here for Mother's Day

Take your mom to see Rita MacNeil, you know she'll love it. The Cape Breton songstress is touring the Maritimes in May to celebrate Mother's Day. She'll be in Halifax at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on May 11th. Mother's Day is May 10. Her other Nova Scotia stop is Liverpool on May 12.

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No new info in search for missing cabbie

INVESTIGATION Police searched for new evidence in the missing cabbie case Thursday, but only uncovered a pit and pile of rocks.

Officers combed an area of Johnson Road in Cherry Brook because of information that came up in the course of the investigation surrounding the disappearance of Sergei Kostin.

"We weren't looking for anything specific, but we believed we may find evidence out there and when we went out, we discovered a number of things that were initially of interest to those searching," said Const. Jeff Carr, spokesman for the Halifax Regional Police.

One of those items was a rock pile that looked like it was covering something, but it turned out to be just a pile of rocks. There was also a hole in the ground that raised suspicions.

"We are still curious as to why it's there," said Carr, but he added it may have been from water-table testing in the area.

There are no immediate plans for another search, he said.

Kostin, a 40-year-old driver for Bob's Taxi, was last seen on Jan. 17 when he was sent to pick up passengers on Gaston Road in Dartmouth. Three days later his burned taxi was found empty at the end of Downey Road in North Preston.

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What's online today.

Video Newfoundland and Ontario join the deficit club with recession-fighting budgets at metronews.ca/canada

Video Military on standby to help with Manitoba flooding at metronews.ca/canada

Going Green WWF director James Leape on why Earth Hour is more than symbolism at metronews.ca/goinggreen

31 Maritime jobs lost as CBC reveals cutbacks

Radio's Maritime Noon losing five of seven staff members

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax

CBC dropped the axe on Maritime Noon Thursday as radio took the brunt of cutbacks across the region.

CBC is chopping 31 Maritime jobs, including 11 in Halifax. Maritime Noon is losing five of its seven staff and will be cut to a one-hour call-in show without its correspondents in Sydney, New Brunswick and P.E.I. The Sydney station will lose six jobs in total.

Host Costas Halavrezos and his team got word just before going on air.

"You keep your chin up and do the show ... but it's very hard," he said.

"It's really not about us, I'm thinking more about the service to three Maritime provinces — that's two million Canadians. There's no program like it in the CBC."

The veteran journalist, who joined CBC Radio in the mid-70s, doesn't even know if his job is secure.

"We knew the cuts were coming, but we had no idea our program would be singled out in this way," he said.

He noted the entire CBC — radio, TV and the Internet — costs Canadians \$34 a year each.

Wendy Jones, communi-

"This is what public broadcasting is supposed to be about — getting the message out ... When you cut off the source, how do you get your message out?"

Canadian Media Guild's Gerry Whalen

cations manager for CBC, said the financial crisis meant the network had to save money.

"This is not a happy situation for anybody," she said. "This is a very, very tough decision. These are very deep cuts."

It will take a few months to work out who will take early retirement and buy-outs before the actual layoffs are issued. The on-air changes will take effect about September.

Gerry Whalen of the Canadian Media Guild said it's a devastating blow.

"This is what public broadcasting is supposed to be about — getting the message out and giving the community access to public broadcasting. When you cut off the source, how do you get your message out?"



A woman walks out of the CBC building on Sackville Street Thursday. The CBC is cutting 31 jobs in the Maritimes, including 11 in Halifax.

Police issue warning of prowler

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INVESTIGATION Halifax Regional Police is warning the public about three prowling incidents that occurred Wednesday night in the city's South End.

Between 12:05 a.m. and 1:45 a.m. police received three reports of a prowler looking in windows or lurking outside a residence. In one of the incidents, a woman witnessed a man masturbating outside her window.

"Quite frankly, it's just plain creepy," said police spokeswoman Theresa Rath. "It's very disconcerting to the people involved, and the police."

Police can't say for sure if the same man was involved in all the incidents, but two of the three female complainants described a similar, albeit generic, description of the suspect.

The man is described as about six-foot tall, with short dark hair, broad shoulders and an average build. He was wearing dark clothing.

Anyone with information on Wednesday's incident is asked to contact Halifax Regional Police at 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Lost man found safe at house

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A man thought lost and barefoot in the woods was found safe and sound in a Sackville residence Thursday.

John Edward Cawthron, 22, called a friend at 6:30 a.m. saying he was lost in the woods in his bare feet and couldn't find his way out. The friend was still worried by 10:40 a.m. and called police.

Halifax Regional Police, HRM Ground Search and Rescue and an RCMP helicopter spent much of the day searching in the wood-



Search and rescue personnel gather in South Woodside as they respond to a call saying that a man may be missing in the woods. The man was found later in the day safe at a Sackville residence.

ed area of Mount Hope Avenue, Portland Estates and the Shearwater Airbase.

"He was in the woods, no shoes on, very cold and probably disoriented," said

Const. Jeff Carr.

Cawthron was found yesterday afternoon, but not in the woods. He was found in a house in Sackville and the search was shut down.

Man appears in court on Melvin shooting

CHARGES Charles Belisle-Taylor, the man wanted for allegedly shooting Jimmy Melvin Jr. in December, made a brief court appearance in Halifax Thursday.

On the night of Dec. 4th, officers came running when they heard multiple gunshots behind an apartment building at 30 Ridge Valley Rd. They found the victim, 26-year-old Melvin, in one of the apartments suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

Jeremy Leblanc, 26, and

Daniel Borden, 24, were arrested and charged in January. Police put out a warrant for the arrest of Belisle-Taylor, 23.

He was arrested by Toronto police on March 9 and was returned to Halifax on Wednesday.

In total, Belisle-Taylor faces a total of 16 charges, including attempted murder, conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and assaulting a police officer.

He will be back in court on April 9 for a show-cause hearing.

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Albro Lake-Harbourview Coun. Jim Smith will be going for the provincial Liberal nomination of Dartmouth North. The nomination meeting is on Sunday at Farrell Hall at 2 p.m. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil will be the guest speaker for the event. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Former Marquee to reopen as the Paragon Theatre

ARTS The Paragon Theatre is opening a week from Friday, bringing music back to the venue formerly known as the Marquee.

The Gottingen Street facility will be a flexible live venue, featuring a cafe and art gallery. The front room will seat 200 people and have a smaller space for more intimate events.

The April 3 opening will feature Ruby Jean and the Thoughtful Bees, Rich Aucoin, Ghettosocks, The Darcys and others.

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NDP ads hit back at MacDonald

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The NDP has unveiled a new campaign ad hitting back against the Tories.

Last week the Conservatives ran a series of ads saying the NDP was too risky to elect during tough economic times. An annoyed Darrell Dexter told Metro he wasn't sure how long the NDP would continue to take it on the chin before they hit back. Apparently, that day has come.

"Why are Rodney MacDonald's Conservatives

"If someone's going to attack you, you have to respond to them." Sue Dodd

running negative campaign ads?" the NDP commercial begins.

"Because they're desperate to make you forget emergency room closures, their increased tax on electricity, and Rodney's insulting advice to people to 'take the bus.' Enough. It's time for genuine leadership for today's families."

The ad then shows Dar-

rell Dexter interacting with various people to a voice-over about his leadership.

The NDP says the commercial is not an attack ad, but an attempt to focus debate back on the issues.

"If someone's going to attack you, you have to reply to them," said co-chair of the NDP election committee Sue Dodd. "We're trying to respond to the fact that Rodney MacDonald has clearly called the election without officially calling the election."

Deputy Premier Angus MacIsaac declined to respond to the ad.

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Paul MacKinnon of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission shows off one of its new ads, which aim to get more people to spend time in the downtown.

Rebranding downtown

New ads coax after-work crowd to 'tell a better story'

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Look online

- The DHBC has also launched a new website: downtownhalifax.ca.

The Downtown Halifax Business Commission launched a rebranding campaign Thursday, portraying a vibrant, cosmopolitan city that too many suburbanites are missing out on.

The ads encourage people to "tell a better story" by not rushing home as soon as the five o'clock whistle blows, but sticking around to check out a game, try a new restaurant or dance with a "hot German tourist."

"We wanted to have something international," said Paul MacKinnon, executive director of the DHBC. "You're at the game, you're at the Metro Centre, but you're also getting something to eat and later seeing a jazz trio from New Orleans."

The first phase of the Extreme Group's campaign will aim at keeping commuters downtown after work. Later phases will look at repopulating the downtown and promoting the eclectic shopping side of the city.

The ads run with the

tagline: "Where the Maritimes Meets the World," seeing Halifax as the entry point for visitors to the region as well as reflecting the port side of the city.

"Most people have a really good feeling about Downtown Halifax. We don't often hear, 'I hate downtown,'" said MacKinnon. "It's mostly, 'I haven't been there for a while. I should go back.' The product itself is an easy sell."

One ad shows an empty parking space with the words: "After work I went for Thai food, ran into an old friend, saw a band that's about to become huge and danced with a hot German tourist."

Under that it urges people to "Tell a better story than 'I left this space at 5:30 to go home.'"

Other ads, which will run on bus-stop shelters and be written on elevators, tell of people enjoying the waterfront and spotting co-workers buying sex toys.

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School shutdown
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Budget still in works

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Nova Scotia will be the last province in Canada to release a budget this year as finance officials continue to struggle to keep it balanced.

"We're still scrambling," Finance Minister Jamie Muir said Thursday after a cabinet meeting.

"Revenues have been down. Take a look at the price of natural gas. You can see that, that's one of our sources of revenues. So you know, it's been a struggle."

But Muir insists the budget will be balanced and it will arrive around the same time as last year. The 2008 budget was released April 29. Given the customary 30-day notice to recall the legislature, the government would have to make the announcement within days to meet that timeline.

All other provinces have either released a budget already or plan to by mid-April. Muir would not tell reports whether it would take a change in accounting measures to keep the budget balanced.

He also condemned the opposition parties for a



Finance Minister Jamie Muir said Thursday that Nova Scotia will be the last province to release a budget this year

"political circus" this week when they grilled Deputy Finance Minister Vicky Harnish for not releasing budget details.

Muir said the information will come out at the scheduled time and denied any information was being held back for political reasons.

"I really don't think there will be an election. I mean if you were the opposition parties, why would you force an election?" Muir asked.

"Because you're in third place," offered one reporter, citing a recent poll.

"I don't think we are in third place," Muir replied. "I think in the minds of most Nova Scotians we're in first place with a majority government. And we should be."

Reporters then asked if the Tories had internal polling telling them that.

Muir said that yes, he did. "I can't speak for the party. I'm speaking for me," he said.



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Northern Pulp in Pictou got a \$15-million interest-bearing loan from the province yesterday. It's one of the biggest forestry businesses in the province and employs more than 650 people. Each year the mill manufactures about 270,000 metric tonnes of northern bleached softwood kraft pulp. **METRO HALIFAX**

Darker side of cruising

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Cruise tourism isn't quite the boon Maritimers think it is, cautions the author of a recent report.

"The ports and taxpayers in the Maritimes are subsidizing the profitability of an industry that is registered offshore, relies on poorly paid workers from developing countries and that contributes a modest amount to the local economy," said Ross Klein, author of *Cruising Without a Bruising: Cruise Tourism and the Maritimes*. The report was released Thursday for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

He said local businesses aren't paid enough, cruise ships are an environmental concern and too much is spent on ship infrastructure when it could be better spent elsewhere.

In the past five years, \$100 million was spent on cargo and ship infrastructure in Halifax.

The only thing Michele Peveril, spokeswoman for



The M/S Amadea was the first vessel of the cruise ship season last year. A report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives questions how healthy the cruise industry is for the Maritimes.

Record season

• Last season was a record for the port with 124 cruise ships stopping in with 228,000 passengers and 70,000-80,000 crew members.

Halifax Port Authority, agreed with Klein on is that the cruise industry is growing exponentially.

"We know from our studies with partners that each cruise season local

businesses experience \$25 million in direct economic benefit from the cruise industry," she said.

"That's not even all the related spinoffs within a couple hours' driving distance of where those customers arrive."

But Keith said local tour operators are getting a raw deal because they get half or less of what passengers pay the cruise ships for their tours.

Peveril said she hasn't heard any complaints from tour operators. "The tour operators are seeing a huge benefit from the cruise ships coming, and actually it's been a real bright spot in Nova Scotia tourism in the past few years."

The port will welcome its two millionth passenger this year as another 124 ships are expected. The first one will arrive on May 15.

Emotional return for Darfur hostage

WAIT Every minute seemed like an hour for Ted and Barbara Archer as they waited for their daughter to step off the plane at the Charlottetown Airport on Wednesday and into their loving arms.

Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, Laura Archer emerged from the wind-swept runway.

The Archers stood side by side, surrounded by family, friends and a throng of media.

But as Archer approached the double-doors leading into the airport building, it seemed Barbara Archer could wait no longer. She ran ahead, grabbing her daughter and holding her in her arms. Laura's father wasn't far behind.

Amid the bright lights of the television cameras,

photographers' flashes and warm hugs was the astounding sound of applause from those who had gathered.

This was the first time the Archers had seen their daughter since she was kidnapped and held

hostage for three days in the troubled Darfur region of Sudan earlier this month.

Laura Archer said it was fantastic to see her family. She is looking forward to a week of relaxation with her family.

"I have so many stories in my head about the kidnapping, about the five months I worked in Darfur leading up to the kidnapping, about what's happening now in Darfur, what's going to happen next week," Archer told reporters.

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Transportation Safety Board investigators said Thursday that Cougar Helicopters Flight 491 — which crashed off Newfoundland in mid-March, killing 17 people — hit the water belly-first rather than nose-first as originally suggested. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Charest's Grits slipping

Quebec's separatists have jumped into a substantial lead in a public support survey released Thursday as dissatisfaction mounts over Quebec Liberal Premier Jean Charest's handling of the economic crisis. The provincial Parti Quebecois has vaulted to 40 per cent, compared to 33 per cent for Charest's provincial Liberals. **REUTERS**

Ottawa warns that Taliban bombs are getting bigger, deadlier

AFGHANISTAN Taliban militants are making ever bigger and more sophisticated bombs to use against Canadian troops in the south of Afghanistan, a development that a top official on Thurs-

day called tragic.

Bombs have killed seven Canadian soldiers in the past three weeks and 19 since the start of December. So far, 116 Canadian soldiers have died in the war.

"The tragedy is that as we arm and equip and protect our people, insurgents continue to develop more insidious improvised explosive devices," said David Mulroney, who heads Ottawa's

Afghan task force.

"They're bigger, they are more complex in terms of the number of people involved in triggering them," he told a House of Commons committee. **REUTERS**

Ahead of the curve

Riding the Recession

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Canada should be out of the recession by the middle of next year, according to the chief economist for the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Bernie Magnan said there's no question the economy "is only going to get worse before it gets better."

"We can expect additional unemployment to happen this month," Magnan said. "But it's to be expected, companies have to make money."

However, Magnan said he is optimistic because some industries are rebounding. "Look at construction," Magnan said. "It helps out other places in the economy because places are being built and those construction workers are getting paid, so they have money to

spend now."

On March 17, for example, British Columbia announced an \$800-million budget for public infrastructure, housing, education and public safety across that province.

Magnan said this will help with the unemployment problems and keep Canada ahead of the curve.

"I think Canada has done rather well compared with other countries," Magnan said. "We're a population of 33 million and we do very well, thank you very much."

Canada also has certain advantages over other countries. "We'll always have tourism and always have renewable re-

sources if we husband it properly," Magnan said. "Just remember that even though there's 6.7 per cent unemployment, there's 93.3 per cent who are employed," Magnan said. "If, and this is a big if, they feel secure in their jobs, they'll be willing to open up their purse strings and do some discretionary spending."

"Even though there's 6.7 per cent unemployment, there's 93.3 per cent who are employed."
Bernie Magnan

Spain Seal hunt protest



A naked animal rights activist lays on a Canadian flag, while protesting against the annual seal hunt, in front of Canada's embassy Wednesday in Madrid, Spain.

News in brief

ECONOMY Ontario will rack up a record \$14.1-billion deficit in 2009 as it commits billions to infrastructure projects and job retraining aimed at pulling the province out of a recession.

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Flaherty downplays Chinese suggestion

China's proposal to replace the U.S. dollar as the international reserve currency will not get much attention at the upcoming G20 summit, Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday. **REUTERS**

Mounties reduce Taser use

The RCMP watchdog is reporting a significant drop in the number of times Mounties used Taser stun guns in 2008 — the first decrease since the force introduced the conducted energy weapon into its arsenal in 2002.

Paul Kennedy released figures yesterday showing officers pulled their stun guns out 30 per cent less often in 2008 compared with the previous year. The

Usage on the decline

Overall, the number of times RCMP officers used a Taser in 2008 totalled 1,106, down from 1,583 in 2007. That includes each time the stun gun was simply taken out

of a police holster and not fired, fired off electric wire probes to deliver a jolt to a suspect, or was pushed up against an individual's body and fired.

numbers also show that in about half the cases where Mounties drew their Tasers, they never actually fired them. That's up from

about 28 per cent in 2007. Kennedy, chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP, said the newly re-

leased statistics appear to show a "systematic shift" in how Mounties are deploying the weapon. The marked decrease in "inappropriate" or "casual usage" — as Kennedy called it — followed public outrage and scrutiny of police use of the 50,000-volt weapon after the October 2007 death of Robert Dziekanski at the Vancouver airport.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Auto aid plan set for month's end

ANNOUNCEMENT Canada said on Thursday it would announce an aid plan for the struggling auto industry by the end of March, roughly coinciding with a scheduled announcement by the United States.

The White House said on Thursday that President

Barack Obama would unveil bailout plans for auto manufacturers before leaving for a European trip on March 31, and Canadian Industry Minister Tony Clement said he too planned an announcement by the end of the month.

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News in brief

PM The Canadian government is prepared to revise the economic forecasts and plans it

made in its Jan. 27 budget, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday. **REUTERS**

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A U.S. crackdown on European online gambling breaches World Trade Organisation rules, the European Commission said on Thursday. **REUTERS**

World

North Korea rattles its sabre

North Korea said on Thursday that if the international community punishes it for next month's planned missile launch it will restart a nuclear plant that makes weapons-grade plutonium.

The secretive state this week put a long-range missile in place for a launch the United States warned would violate UN sanctions imposed on Pyongyang for past weapons tests.

The planned launch, seen by some countries as a disguised military exercise, is the first big test for U.S. President Barack Obama in dealing with the prickly North, whose efforts to build a nuclear arsenal have long plagued ties with Washington.

North Korea warned that any action by the UN Security Council to punish it

U.S. sets sail

• The U.S. Navy has begun deploying Aegis-guided missile destroyers in waters surrounding Japan in preparation for North Korea's expected launch of a rocket it claims is intended to put a satellite into orbit, according to Japanese news site Yomiuri Shimbun.

would be a "hostile act."

"... All the processes for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula ... will be brought back to what used to be before their start and necessary strong measures will be taken," the North's foreign ministry spokesman said in comments carried by the official KCNA news agency.

North Korea has frozen its aging nuclear reactor

and started to take apart its Yongbyon atomic plant under a deal signed by regional powers in 2005 that called for economic aid and better diplomatic standing for the isolated North in return. Despite the agreement, the North carried out a nuclear test in 2006.

The South Korean daily Chosun Ilbo quoted a diplomatic source as saying the North could fire its Taepodong-2 missile, which has the range to hit U.S. territory, by the weekend.

The White House said a missile launch would be "provocative" and in violation of UN resolutions.

The U.S. director of national intelligence, Dennis Blair, told reporters that a missile launch by Pyongyang would risk international condemnation or "worse."

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Bangkok Surrounding the PM



Supporters of former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra gather at the Government House in Bangkok Thursday. More than 20,000 surrounded the offices of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, distracting his government as it began giving cash handouts to the poor in a bid to stave off recession.

Israel, Palestine death stats differ

MIDDLE EAST Israel says far more armed fighters and far fewer Palestinian civilians were killed during its 22-day offensive in the Gaza Strip in January than reported in Palestinian figures. In the first Israeli death tally to appear in an official publication since the Dec 27-Jan 18 war, it said a total of 1,166 Palestinians were killed, not 1,417 as reported by Palestinian activists.

REUTERS

News in brief

PROTEST Madagascar's security forces fired teargas and rounds in the air on Thursday to disperse a rally by supporters of former president Marc Ravalomanana who put conditions on proposed mediation talks. Demonstrations against the Indian Ocean island's new army-backed head of state, Andry Rajoelina, have prolonged a political crisis since the start of 2009 that has killed 135 people, scared tourists away and unnerved foreign investors.

TORTURE Britain's attorney general ordered an investigation on Thursday into whether the security services played any role in the torture of a British resident recently released from the U.S. military's Guantanamo prison. Attorney general Patricia Scotland said she had studied evidence, some of it classified, and decided there were grounds for police to investigate allegations made by former detainee Binyam Mohamed.

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Buying not as Direct as some believed

Marketplace



Y ou've probably seen the ads on TV and the Internet — featuring happy couples, gushing about saving thousands of dollars on home furnish-

ings. They're talking about Direct Buy, a company that claims to cut out the retailer's markup by helping members buy directly from manufacturers. Sure sounds like a great deal. But Marketplace was hearing from unhappy Direct Buy members. And when we started digging, we found plenty of customers contacting Better Business Bureaus. Customers like Mitzie and Larry Wasyliv, in Calgary. They saw the Direct Buy ads on TV, and

went to an open house to find out more.

What they weren't expecting was a three-year membership to Direct Buy costs about \$5,000. And worse yet, Mitzie says, she felt pressured into signing on the dotted line. She wasn't ready, but says the sales rep told her if she didn't join up that day, she'd never get another opportunity.

"In 30 years of marriage, I thought I could have divorced Larry for the decision he made," she says.

On the web

• Tips on how to deal with high-pressure sales tactics.

"Because I did not intuitively feel good about it at all."

And when we talk to other Direct Buy customers, they told us they felt pressured by the pitch, too.

When Mitzie tried to use her membership to order window blinds, she got frustrated. She says staff

weren't knowledgeable.

On top of that, there's an extra delivery charge to get items from Direct Buy to your house, products can take up to six weeks to arrive, and there are hefty shipping fees of up to 25 per cent of the price. On top of that, there are often handling fees that tack on another eight per cent and if there's a problem with a product, customers have to deal with the manufacturer.

At Simon Fraser University,

marketing professor Lindsay Meredith says, in today's economy, people should be able to drive hard bargains at the store — and save the \$5,000 Direct Buy membership fee.

And what does he think about pressuring a customer to buy? "This kind of pitch is a clear signal to hit that door running."

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

Views

Don't be the one to vote for global warming

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Let me get this straight.

I can help save the world by turning my lights off for an hour? According to its website, Earth Hour this year has been "transformed into the world's first global election, between Earth and global warming."

So tomorrow night between 8:30 and 9:30 local time, everyone — people of HRM included — can "use their light switch to vote — switching off your

lights is a vote for the Earth, or leaving them on is a vote for global warming."

I'm going to go out on a limb and say Earth is ahead in the polls. Yet, as with usual democracy, the problem is whether people even bother to vote. How many people know or care about Earth Hour?

I ask this to HRM Mayor Peter Kelly, whose municipality is co-hosting Halifax's biggest Earth Hour party tomorrow night in the Grand Parade Square.

He begins a passionate speech about the importance of getting the message out. Then he breaks into a bout of Robert Frostian poetic flare.

"If you don't speak, the message doesn't get out,"



he said. "If you go quietly into the sunset, then quietly it goes and nobody knows."

Firstly, I'd like to point out that actually rhymes. Secondly, he has a point.

It's easy to dismiss Earth Hour as a feel-good PR stunt. Global warming talk is so common people have become desensitized. Events like Earth Hour help drive home a reminder we can't afford to laugh off. And on top of it all, having cities in 74 countries all go dark for an hour is just cool.

Halifax businesses announcing their support

and turning off their lights for the event have flooded my inbox this week. Even both harbour bridges will be down to only essential lighting for the hour.

And for those who really want to show their support, there's the rally at Parade Square from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. featuring guest speakers, live music and stargazing. During the actual Earth Hour, the Parade Square lights will be shut off, while the stage switches to LED lights.

So turn your lights out for an hour. No one wants to be the one guy on the block who voted for global warming.

Paul McLeod is a staff reporter at Metro Halifax. He's currently in rehab for being a political junkie. It's going badly. Contact paul.mcleod@metronews.ca.



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Business

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Verenex investors fearing tax hit

OIL Investors in Canada's Verenex Energy Inc. are concerned that Libya's decision to block a \$499-million Chinese acquisition of the company could leave them exposed to hefty tax bills.

Several shareholders said they would prefer that Libya buy the whole company, as a purchase of just the Libyan assets would expose them to more taxation, cutting their return. **REUTERS**

U.S. economy contracts by 6.3%

Data shows corporate profits fell record \$120.1 billion in 4th quarter

U.S. corporate profits plunged a record \$120.1 billion US in the fourth quarter as the economy shrank at its fastest pace since 1982, depressed by a slump in consumer spending and exports, government data showed Thursday.

In another snapshot of the distressed economy,

Mortgage rates

U.S. rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged a record low of 4.85 per cent this week, feeding demand for re-

financings, as a result of government efforts to reduce rates to levels that will help the housing market recover.

the number of workers collecting state jobless benefits rose to a record 5.56

million earlier this month, while new claims climbed to 652,000 last week, a sep-

arate government report showed.

The Commerce Department said after-tax corporate profits dropped 10.7 per cent in the fourth quarter, the largest decline since the first quarter of 1994. Profits fell \$5.2 billion in the third quarter.

Shrinking profits came as gross domestic product,

which measures the total output of goods and services within the U.S., fell at an annual rate of 6.3 per cent in the October-December quarter.

But analysts said the October-to-December quarter was probably the worst of the recession and they expect the economy to start stabilizing. **REUTERS**

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RANKINGS Denmark boasts the world's most networked economy, putting it and its Nordic neighbours in a good position to rebound from the current global downturn, the World Economic Forum said Thursday.

Canada ranked 10th in the annual WEF Networked Readiness Index, which measures information and communications technology availability and use, such as access to mobile phone and Internet

services.

Sweden placed second, the United States third, Singapore fourth and Switzerland fifth among the 134 economies listed in the index.

In the report, the WEF said that investing in telecoms infrastructure and services could help "general competitiveness and progress" and put countries on a better footing to take advantage of an eventual return to economic growth. **REUTERS**

Switzerland Baselworld



A woman walks past the Herbelin showcase on the opening day of the Baselworld, the world's leading watch and jewelry show, in Basel, Switzerland, Thursday. **CHRISTIAN HERDMAN/REUTERS**

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Business owners optimistic, survey says:

In a recent CDIF survey of Canada's small and medium businesses, Nova Scotia's business barometer score, which rates how well owners expect their businesses to perform in the coming 12 months, rose from 88.5 to 93.1 since the last quarter.

Wacky Wheatley's willts:

After nearly 20 years in business, Wacky Wheatley's in New Minas is closing, throwing the company's nine employees out of work.

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Estee Lauder COO to become CEO this summer

Estee Lauder Companies Inc. named chief operating officer Fabrizio Freda as its next chief executive Thursday. **REUTERS**

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IBM not in bidding for Satyam: Source

India's Spice Group unsure of auction status

Satyam Computer Services Ltd.'s search for a buyer suffered a setback Thursday as a source said IBM is not in the bidding, while India's Spice Group remains undecided about its participation.

Satyam is looking for a buyer to help restore confidence among its investors and customers after the business software company's founder admitted to accounting fraud in India's biggest corporate scandal.

India's Economic Times reported that International Business Machines Corp. was among about eight bidders shortlisted by

Other bidders

India's Economic Times report named private equity firm Apax Partners, Indian engineering conglomerate Larsen & Toubro and Tech Mahindra among the selected bidders.

Satyam's government-appointed board. But a source with knowledge of the situation, who was not authorized to speak publicly, told Reuters IBM was not in the bidding.

Potential buyers may be wary about the likelihood

of customer losses as well as a lack of clarity on Satyam's true value due to the years of accounting fraud. Analysts also say any new buyer will likely face legal liabilities from angry Satyam shareholders.

A Spice Group executive said the company had not yet decided whether to participate in the auction.

Satyam said Tuesday it hoped to finalize a buyer by April 30, and that potential bidders, who had submitted a detailed expression of interest by March 20, should expect to receive a response by Wednesday. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

RETAIL Best Buy Co. posted a 23 per cent drop in quarterly profit Thursday, but its adjusted results topped Wall Street estimates as the retailer said it got a boost from stronger-than-expected consumer

demand. Earnings came to \$570 million US, or \$1.35 a share, for the fourth quarter ended Feb. 28.

MEDIA Washington Post Co. plans to offer a new round of

buyouts in 2009 to newsroom, production and circulation employees at its namesake, money-losing newspaper and cannot rule out layoffs, its publisher said Thursday. **REUTERS**

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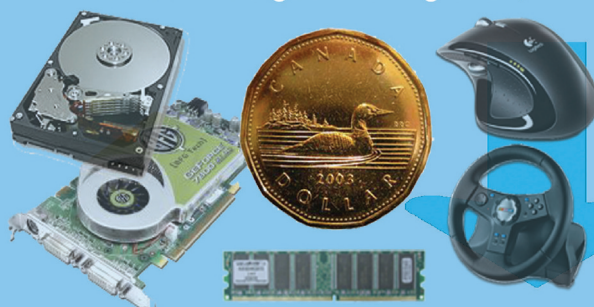
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LeBron James will be profiled on 60 Minutes this Sunday in an interview he did a few months ago. The CBS news magazine show spent time at his Akron, Ohio, high school, as well as at a concert for U.S. President Barack Obama he hosted with rapper and close friend Jay-Z. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Hockey players go green

More than 420 NHL players have joined the NHLPA Carbon Neutral Challenge this season, a program to offset the emissions produced by their frequent travel. Bruins defenceman Andrew Ference, left, started the initiative last season, in partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation.

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Curling Playoff bound



Team Canada skip Jennifer Jones, lead Dawn Askin, third Cathy Overton Clapham and second Jill Officer talk after defeating Switzerland at the women's world curling championship in Korea yesterday.

Saku strikes Lightning in OT

Saku Koivu scored the game-winning goal 1:45 into overtime to lift the Canadiens over Tampa Bay 3-2 in Montreal Thursday.

Koivu fired a shot off the glove of a sliding Karri Ramo before sliding his rebound through the crease, then off Matt Lashoff's skate and into the net.

Alex Kovalev and Guillaume Latendresse also scored for the Canadiens, who failed to protect a late two-goal lead, but improved to 3-3-2 since general manager Bob Gainey abruptly fired head coach Guy Carbonneau and took over behind the bench on March 10.



Saku Koivu, second from left, celebrates his winning goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning Thursday.

Carey Price stopped 17 shots for Montreal, which holds the eighth spot in the East with 85 points. They

are two points behind the Rangers for the seventh position after New York picked up a point for a

shootout loss to Atlanta.

David Koci and Lukas Krajicek lit the lamp for the Lightning, who have lost four of their past five outings. Ramo turned aside a total of 33 shots in defeat.

Trailing 2-0, Koci started the Tampa comeback with a tip-in of a loose puck in the goal crease with 9:34 left in regulation. The score was Koci's first of the year.

Krajicek's shot from the right point got past Price due to traffic in front of the net. The score tied the game with 5:17 remaining and eventually sent the tilt into overtime before Koivu's heroics ended the game.

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Tejada gets probation

Miguel Tejada was sentenced to one year probation Thursday for misleading the U.S. Congress about performance-enhancing drugs. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Kulka gives MMA a try

STEPHEN JOHNSON
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Glenn Kulka has succeeded in junior hockey, professional football and pro wrestling. Now at the age of 45, he is attempting to add mixed martial arts fighting to his résumé.

Many sports fans will recognize Kulka's name from his days as a defensive lineman in the Canadian Football League. He played for a number of CFL teams including the Argonauts and Saskatchewan Roughriders from 1986 to 1995. After retiring from football, he enjoyed a brief stint in the WWF as a professional wrestler. His wrestling career ended in 2000.

Kulka's turn to MMA fighter began innocently enough. "I knew a few of the guys involved in the sport and interviewed them for The Score television network. I wanted to get back into shape and started working out

with some of the MMA guys.

"Also, I guess I just like to punch people."

While training in mixed martial arts was new to Kulka, he had been a fan of the sport for a long time.

"When I was in pro football, we used to watch martial arts tapes to practise how to get by offensive lineman."

"I started watching the Ultimate Fighting Championship when they held their pay-per-views 15 years ago."

Kulka's mixed martial arts training would eventually lead to his first professional fight last July.

He handily defeated his opponent by TKO after just one minute and 13 seconds.

The fight had to be held in Quebec as mixed martial arts contests

are banned in Ontario.

Kulka has strong opinions about the subject.

"It is just ridiculous MMA is banned in Ontario. They sanction professional boxing in Ontario where a guy can get a standing eight count and then continue. That does not happen in MMA fighting."

As a person in his mid-40s, he is realistic about his long-term future in the sport.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but I really am taking it one fight at a time. At my age, it would be crazy to have a 10-fight plan."

"I find the body does not recover as well and some of my old injuries from football and pro wrestling tend to flare up."

He feels fighting as a heavyweight has helped him in the sport.

"If I was fighting as a middleweight, guys like Georges St. Pierre would beat me handily. I find many of the guys in the heavyweight division are mainly good at taking a punch."

Kulka faces Bob Landry Saturday in Gatineau, Que.



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Former Halifax Rainmen star Rob Sanders is fourth in scoring in Venezuela's top pro basketball league after eight games with Gaiteros de Zulia. Sanders, who left the Rainmen in February, is averaging 17.5 points and 9.1 rebounds. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Win puts Huskies in driver's seat

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The Saint Mary's Huskies are halfway to the championship game at the University Cup in Thunder Bay, Ont.

The third-ranked Huskies won their opener at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey championship on Thursday, defeating the No. 6 McGill Redmen 4-1.

The win puts the Huskies in the driver's seat in Pool B, and another victory on Saturday against the Western Ontario Mustangs puts them in Sunday's national final.

"If we didn't win this game, the chances of going to the final aren't there," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg. "We did what we had to do. The guys played well for 60 minutes. Our backs are against

the wall on Saturday again."

The Redmen must have missed the scouting report on the Huskies' devastating power play that converted at nearly a 30-per cent clip in Atlantic University Sport. They took eight trips to the penalty box and the Huskies scored three times with the man advantage, including the game's opening two goals.

"In all fairness, our guys were very difficult to contain," Stienburg said, noting that two of the penalties were too-many-men-on-the-ice calls. "We were physical, we held the puck down low, and to control us, they took some penalties."

Second-team all-Canadian blue-liner Andrew Hotham scored twice and forwards Cody Thornton and Cam Fergus had singles, while Fall River goalie Brandon Verge made 19 saves.



Saint Mary's Huskies forward Cam Fergus handles the puck yesterday against the McGill Redmen at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey championship tournament.

Western Ontario, ranked second, won the Ontario championship after posting a 19-7-2 regular-season

record. If the Mustangs lose to the Redmen on Friday, it puts the Huskies in an even better position heading in-

to Saturday.

Stienburg said his players should be ready for a team that plays a different style

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- Lakehead vs. UNB 8 p.m.

Sunday

- Championship, 3 p.m.

than the small, quick Redmen.

"They score more, they're a little more physical," Stienburg said. "They're a little more like us than McGill."

In Pool A action on Thursday, the fourth-ranked New Brunswick Varsity Reds upset the top seeded Alberta Golden Bears, 6-3.

Sweeps abound in QMJHL playoffs

QMJHL Half of the QMJHL's first-round series ended in sweeps, leaving four to be decided as early as this weekend.

The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, Drummondville Voltigeurs, Shawinigan Cataractes and Rimouski Oceanic have all advanced to the second round with 4-0 series wins.

The Moncton Wildcats have a 3-1 lead on the P.E.I. Rocket, as do the Gatineau Olympiques on the Chicoutimi Saguenéens and the Quebec Remparts on the Baie-Comeau Drakkar.

The Montreal Junior and Rouyn-Noranda Huskies are tied 2-2. **METRO HALIFAX**

Stransky to rejoin Herd

MOOSEHEADS Jan Stransky will return to the Halifax Mooseheads next season, his agent, Petr Svoboda, said Thursday.

The 18-year-old right-winger arrived in Halifax in a mid-season trade from the Gatineau Olympiques and lit it up, scoring 15 goals and 16 assists for 31 points in 28 games and capturing

a pair of QMJHL player of the week honours.

He is expected to be a key offensive contributor next season and could be Halifax's top offensive threat.

Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said at season's end he wasn't clear on Stransky's plans for 2009-10.

METRO HALIFAX



Jan Stransky

Sports in brief

HOCKEY Former Acadia Axemen sniper Kevin Baker is in the home stretch of one of the best seasons in recent East Coast Hockey League history. Baker, a Florida Everblades forward, leads the ECHL with 53 goals among 95 points in 65 games and is the league's first 50-goal scorer since 1999-00.

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BASEBALL CC Sabathia will have double Opening Day duties for the Yankees as the big lefty will start the season opener April 6 at Baltimore and throw the first pitch at the opening of their new stadium 10 days later. Sabathia signed a seven-year, \$161 million US free agent contract in the off-season.

REUTERS

Rainmen star promises 'air show' for last games

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There is nothing at stake during the Halifax Rainmen's final weekend of the season, but star Eric Crookshank is promising an "air show" at the Metro Centre. "It's gonna be an air show," predicted the six-foot-eight forward from Vallejo, Calif. "Air Canada's still gonna fly."

The Rainmen, out of the playoff race, wrap up the Premier Basketball League season against the Montreal Sasquatch on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Although they have a 10-8 record, the Rainmen have been known as much for their ability to entertain as they have for winning games, with above-the-rim plays getting oohs and aahs out of crowds that have been 3,000 strong.

Don't expect that to change against the Sasquatch, a team that has been ravaged by financial uncertainty and sits last in the Atlantic Conference with a dismal 3-11 record.

The Rainmen were eliminated from the playoffs on Sunday with a 118-105 loss to the Manchester Millrats.

Guard Tony Bennett, a mid-season arrival who leads the Rainmen in scoring with 19.7 points per



Halifax Rainmen forward Eric Crookshank dunks the ball during a game against the Manchester Millrats on Sunday.

game, said disappointment is natural, but it won't show on the court.

"I know we're not going to be happy with not being in the playoffs, but as respect for our fans, the people who come out to watch us play, and the owner who pays us, we have to go out and play hard the next couple of games," Bennett

said. "We have to give our fans hope for next season."

If the Rainmen are in the PBL next season with the same schedule format, the off-season will be nine months long.

The Rainmen will benefit from the return of Brian Silverhorn, who has been out with a nagging knee injury.

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Monster stars

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Monsters vs. Aliens has an all-star cast — the kind only possible in an animated movie — led by Reese Witherspoon. The kid-friendly adventure movie is all about good, old-fashioned escapism, beefed up with spectacular 3-D special effects.

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Storytelling comes second as *Haunting* just aims to scare.

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Junos gearing up for all-star Canadian music showcase.

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Russell Peters takes his second stab at Juno hosting.

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This TV host sees the good side to the recession.

Zac Efron is set to star in new movie *The Death And Life Of Charlie St. Cloud*. The *The High School Musical* star will play the title role, a caretaker who is haunted by the ghost of his younger brother. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Who's afraid of carnivals?

find amusement parks disturbing; the grinning clown faces, the creepy organ music, the suspicion that the games are rigged. I always feel like their bright sunny facades are hiding dark secrets. In this weekend's *Adventureland*, a new coming-of-age comedy set at a seedy carnival, rancid corn-dogs and fixed games are the extent of the ominous goings-on but despite the movie's tame portrayal of carnival life I can't shake my (possibly irrational) fear of fun fairs.

InFocus

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Apparently I'm not alone.

Filmmakers have set hundreds of stories on fairgrounds and usually somebody is up to no good, but often the action is a little more extreme than cheat-

ing at a ring toss.

An all-star cast, including Henry Fonda and George Segal, headlines 1977's *Rollercoaster*, a compact thriller about a terrorist who is blowing up rollercoasters at amusement parks all over the country.

In *Westworld*, amusement of a different kind can be found at Delos, an adult amusement park split into three sections, Medieval World, Roman World and *Westworld*, a cowboy themed funland where rich tourists pay \$1,000 a day to interact

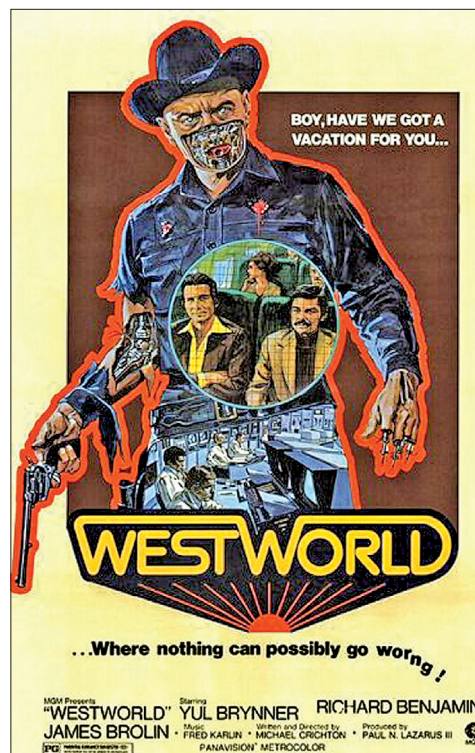
with robots. Paying customers can do whatever they like to the robots — and all goes well until a computer glitch allows the automatons to fight back. Directed by Michael Crichton, he riffed on this idea twenty years later, replacing the robots with dinosaurs in 1993's *Jurassic Park*.

The king of carnival movies, however, is *Freaks*, a 1932 oddity deemed so disturbing one critic suggested it was only for the "morbidly curious and the psychically sick."

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Paul Rudd, right, searches for his new best friend and best man, and finds a match in Jason Segel — the two make for an absurdly funny duo in *I Love You, Man*, which is currently in theatres.

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Junos ready for showtime

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Showcasing the diversity of Canadian music, hard rockers, indie rockers, crooners and comedians unite at this year's Juno ceremonies on Sunday at Vancouver's GM Place.

"Having all those artists together on stage is ... the best way to showcase the diversity of the Canadian industry," said festival organizer and Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) president Melanie Berry. "Some Bryan Adams or Sarah McLachlan fans don't know City and Colour, and watching this performance is part of that process of discovery."

Since she became involved in 2003, Berry's watched the event gain momentum as it's moved across the country over the years. Along with the two-hour broadcasted ceremony, this year's four-day celebration features a JunoCup face-off between NHL Alumni and Rockers, a free outdoor Juno Fan Fest, and the weekend JunoFest, which takes place at 19 Vancouver venues.

Kicking off with the most pyrotechnics yet seen on Canadian television, the ceremony is hosted by comedian Russell Peters.



Loveboy will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, and Sarah McLachlan receives the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award. Performers include big name rockers Sam Roberts Band and Nickelback — who lead the nominees with five and four awards respectively — Bryan Adams, and Great Big Sea. Other acts like Crystal Shawanda and The Stills demonstrate the talent of up-and-coming artists.

"With the rise of the dig-

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ital age, (independent Canadian artists) can be distributed and heard around the world," said Berry. "(The Polaris Music Prize) has been all positive ... Some things are different, but if you look at it, you'll find that of the (Polaris) nominees in the past three years, 60 per cent are up for Junos, so there's lots of crossover."



Sarah McLachlan, left, will receive a special humanitarian award while Sam Roberts Band, above, are among the musicians scheduled to perform at the Juno Awards this Sunday on CTV.

"Having all those artists together on stage is ... the best way to showcase the diversity of the Canadian industry." Melanie Berry, Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences

Given the current economic situation and recent federal budget cuts to arts and culture programs, (including to the Canada Music Fund, a Juno sponsor), the music industry faces challenges.

But Berry, whose not-for-profit organization so far hasn't been affected, points to continuing global awareness of Canada's musicians as evidence of industry success.

"We're all cognizant of

the economy (and so planning and ticket prices for the Junos are designed) with that in mind.

"Sponsor dollars are tighter as companies tighten their belts ... But being an annual event (with repeat sponsors), we're lucky," said Berry. "Budget cuts have hurt festivals and organizations, and it's really a shame to see them. We're hoping to see a reversal and funding put back in."

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How MP3s transformed the music business

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Back in the days when both bandwidth and digital storage were precious, there was a miniaturization race. How

could a big, fat, digital file — say, a song from a typical compact disc — be shrunk so it could easily be transferred down a copper wire?

After a very convoluted competition and series of meetings to set worldwide standards, the winner was a group of scientists and engineers at the Germany Fraunhofer Institute. And on July 14, 1995, they chose the file extension for their new creation — .mp3.

MP3s work by taking ad-

vantage of auditory masking, which basically means a loud sound will render a quiet sound inaudible to the human ear. And if you can't hear the quiet sound, what's the point of it being there? Why not strip it out? That will make the digital file smaller and thus easier to transport and store.

The invention of MP3s transformed the music industry. It gave us Napster, iPods, falling CD sales, MySpace and freaked-out

record executives. MP3 technology is also lowering our standards for what qualifies as "good sound."

Several studies seem to indicate that if you've grown up with MP3s and the less-than-high-fidelity sound coming out of cheap ear buds, your perception of what sounds "good" is different from previous generations who remember listening to records played through big stereos and expensive speakers. In

other words, the flatter, tinier sounds that come out of iPods are considered by a growing number of people to be superior to the full frequency recordings that come out of a proper stereo.

For eight years, a professor of music at Stanford got his freshmen students to rate the audio quality of various songs he played for them. Some were compressed MP3s while others were hi-fi analogue record-

ings. And sure enough, as the years pass, the number of kids picking MP3s over glorious high-fidelity sound continues to increase.

It's to the point where some producers have taken to mixing new recordings not while listening to honkin' massive studio monitors, but through cheap iPod headphones.

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Music

New artists shine

Junos put spotlight on up-and-coming musicians

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Despite their recent introduction to the Juno stage, many of this year's new group of the year nominees have been hard at work for years in local bars, festivals and production studios.

Guitarist-vocalist Warren Spicer from Montreal-based, sprawling retro rockers Plants and Animals said his band has played together for seven years — despite only just releasing their full-length debut. During their incubation period, they carefully crafted *Parc Avenue*, an intricate, proggy roots-rocker that garnered nominations for a Polaris Music Prize and two Junos (new group of the year and best alternative album).

"(With *Parc Avenue*) we had no deadlines of any kind at all, and that allowed us to work at our own pace. I think that's the strength of it," said Spicer, a Halifax native. "(I think) it was good to let things take their time ... (when crafting the album, since) you notice things



Plants and Animals are nominated for new group of the year.

you weren't able to detect right away."

Beast's Jean-Phi Goncalves felt the same way. He and vocalist Betty Bonifassi have worked in the industry for two decades: Goncalves as a producer for artists like Lauryn Hill and Bonifassi as a vocalist on projects like the animated film

Triplets of Belleville. But unlike Plants and Animals, they developed their craft independent of each other, and played their first show together just a year ago at the Montreal International Music Initiative Awards.

"We say this album took us 20 years to make ... since everything we've ever learned in music and in life

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we put together in making this album," said Goncalves. "We found it even more flattering and unexpected to see our nomination since we only released the record at the end of November — so we only had one-and-a-half months to prove it (was good)."

The duo's hard work will pay off Sunday, when the pair join fellow new group of the year nominees The Stills, Cancer Bats and Crystal Castles in Vancouver — coincidentally the day after Plants and Animals wraps up its tour.

"It's a nice way to end a tour," said Spicer. "The Junos was definitely something we didn't expect — to be up there with Canadian rock royalty ... I think it's great that the Junos recognize the independent indie labels, since that's where a lot of the talent is now."

This year's new artist of the year nominees include Jessie Farrell, Crystal Shawanda, Kreesha Turner, Lights and Nikki Yanofsky.

Get ready for mash-up performances

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

JUNO AWARDS Given the popularity of mash-ups, it's fitting the Juno Awards worked the trend into this year's event — Sunday night's two-hour broadcast crams in more than a dozen performances.

Nashville-based Ojibwa country singer Crystal Shawanda, who has two nominations, said her song flows into a chopped-up trio of tracks.

"(My song is) worked into a medley of songs with other artists ... I'm looking forward to seeing how the arrangements flow into one another (live), especially since the other artists are from other genres, not country music," she said.

Even as a six year old she was mingling with other musicians, jumping on-stage at community-organized open mic nights in the school gymnasium on her Wikwemikong reserve. "My dad set up our base-



Nickelback will perform at this year's Juno Awards ceremonies.

ment like a jam space, and we'd all hang out and sing. I'd skip birthdays and slumber parties so I could jam with these guys that were my dad's age."

According to a press release, "A classic rock song gets a little twisted when a group of male performers hit the stage together." It's safe to assume this gang includes Newfoundland folk rockers Great Big Sea, who perform with singer-songwriter Hawksley Workman and genre-bending multi-instrumentalists Eccodek.

Also performing are rock icon and 18-time Juno

Award-winner Bryan Adams, Dallas Green's City and Colour, R&B singer Divine Brown, singer-songwriter Serena Ryder and alt-country singer Kathleen Edwards. Sarah McLachlan performs, and will receive the Allan Watters Humanitarian Award. Other performers include Nickelback's pop-grunge, Simple Plan's pop-punk and Sam Roberts' alternative rock.

Montreal-based indie-rockers and Juno newcomers The Stills have been practising with big shows: They've been in Australia playing arenas with Kings of Leon, and opened for

Paul McCartney last summer to more than 270,000 people for Québec City's 400th anniversary.

"(Opening for Paul McCartney) was probably our most nerve-wracking show ... At that point we'd never played to more than 10,000 or 15,000 people," said singer Tim Fletcher. "But when you step on stage, you just do it, and after five minutes it's OK."

Fletcher said the group's soaring choruses are translating well to fist-pumping, and while the band didn't deliberately write songs with big venues in mind, the experience playing them is a rush. Some influence might also have crept in from childhood — they united in part over heavy metal.

"I remember a Pantera show in Montreal in 1994 — one of many metal moments that locked us together," said Fletcher, laughing. "There's nothing that brings dudes together and forges them in steel like (heavy) metal."

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Cyrus at the Country Music Awards

Following her country-toned debut with pal Taylor Swift at this year's Grammys, Miley Cyrus will perform — solo this time — at the 44th Annual Country Music Awards on April 5. **PEOPLE.COM**

Television

Peters does Junos, hip-hop style

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

As demonstrated at the 2008 Awards, Juno host Russell Peters has a few musical chops.

When introducing Michael Bublé for a performance by Guys With Ties, Peters hunched over a turntable and cut up the crooner's name.

"That Bublé sample sucked — I couldn't do anything interesting with it," said Peters. "Mark Strong's voice was too deep, so I couldn't cut it up. You need a high-pitched noise, like 'Bublé, Bublé,' and I didn't get that, so it was no good."

Self-criticism aside, a Youtube clip of the Toronto-born comedian at legendary scratch DJ Q-Bert's house proves this year's host has skills.

Now living in L.A., Peters still follows the Canadian scene, singling out Shad's album *The Old Prince* as Juno-nomination worthy. When preparing for the Junos, he draws on hip-hop, as well as on awards show hosts like Chris Rock and Billy Crystal who recognize they aren't the event's main focus. He feels more relaxed compared to last year: He knows what to expect, and Vancouver is "a far more forgiving city than Calgary."

"The Juno committee lets me do what I want to do — there are no guidelines, which is great, since if I didn't have that freedom, it would be really annoying," he said. "At this year's opening, I've got something else (hip-hop related) up my sleeve. I can't say what it is, but it's safe to assume it will be something to do with one of the four elements (of hip-hop)." From freestyle

call-and-response routines with audiences to remixing old jokes, Peters pulls from the same techniques he uses when chopping up beats to prepare comedy routines.

At the Junos, he'll mix scripted material with his own reactions. But while he employs some of the tricks used by hip-hop artists, Peters said comedians and musicians are very different performers.

Comedians, he explained, don't have the benefit of a back-up band or a politely appreciative audience: If a comedian bombs, people rarely clap.

"Rapping and hip-hop is all about timing and rhythm, and comedy's like that too ... What I do is all hip-hop — I mix in jokes and add my own flair to telling them," he said.

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JUNO Awards

"With musicians, if the audience is not grooving to them, they can still keep playing and do their song, and people still clap at the end."

"They are very different people — musicians can be



Russell Peters will once again host the Junos this year.

FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		20/20
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny (N)		Whistler
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		The Hour
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Semifinal - Syracuse vs. Oklahoma		Howie Do It (N)		Howie Do It (N)		News (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS "Provenance"		Wife Swap (N)		The Business of Sex (N)		News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Law & Order: SVU		Sarah Connor Chronicles		(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		Fox First
36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Howie Do It (N)		Howie Do It (N)		Dateline NBC
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)			Friday Night Lights (N)		
55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal				College Basketball		
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Toronto Raptors.				College Basketball		
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami		
70	70	70	APTN	News (N)		Mixed Blessing	Fish Out	Rabbit Fall	Cashing In	Any Given Sunday *** (1999, Drama)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Walk With Us		Bravo! Fact	Books-Film	Connie and Carla ** (2004, Comedy)		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas	22 Minutes	The Simpsons	South Park	MADtv
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Heli-Loggers (N)		Man vs. Wild		Shroud
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Extreme Living	Location	Around-World
46	46	46	HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS "Forced Entry"		Jurassic Fight Club		Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ice Road Truck
17	17	17	MM	Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	Redemption	Redemption	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		Raising Helen (2004, Comedy-Drama)		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:15) The Astronaut's Wife		(8:10) Bright Lights, Big City ** (1988, Drama)		Casualties of War *** (1989, War)				
39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Durham County		Testes	Kenny-Spenny	Webdrams
40	40	40	SLUCE	The Mom Show		Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part
21	21	21	TLT	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Say Yes-Dress
22	22	22	W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	The Closer (Part 1 of 2)		The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (2005)		
27	27	27	YTV	iCarly	Family Biz (N)	She's the Man ** (2006, Romance-Comedy)		Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		Family Biz

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	World News Sat	Legend of the Seeker		Just Like Heaven ** (2005, Romance-Comedy)		Comedy Inc.		Castle
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Air Bud: Seventh Inning Fetch ** (2002, Comedy)		Comedy Inc.		Comedy Inc.		Team
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage - Bruins at Maple Leafs or Sabres at Canadiens		NCIS "Capitol Offense"		NCIS "Capitol Offense"		NHL Hockey
32	32	32	CBS	College Basketball		College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Final		Doc		Doc		News (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	Death in the Forest		Masterminds	Masterminds	Doc		Doc		News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE (N)		Comedy Now		CSI: NY		Law & Order		News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Figure Skating: ISU World Championships		Poker
55	55	55	SCOR	College Basketball		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final - Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)		Curling 2009 World Women's Championship - Semifinal. From Gangneung, South Korea.		Figure Skating: ISU World Championships		Poker
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final - Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)		Curling 2009 World Women's Championship - Semifinal. From Gangneung, South Korea.		Figure Skating: ISU World Championships		Poker
16	16	16	A&E	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter
70	70	70	APTN	APTN National News: Contact		Arbor Live		The Mix	Living, Dream	Expiration Date ** (2006, Romance-Comedy)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Bravo! Salutes the Junos		Basic *** (2003, Suspense)		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz		Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab	The Detonators		Destroyed	Time Warp	Crisis Alleg
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Cash & Justin's Home Heist		Top Design		Million Dollar Listing		Extreme-Home
46	46	46	HIST	Ice Road Truckers		NCIS "Sandblast"		Mob Stories		The Terminal (2004, Comedy-Drama)		
17	17	17	MM	Britney: For The Record		Raising Helen ** (2004, Comedy-Drama) Kate Hudson.		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Muchmsc Ctdn
206	206	206	PIX	Escape From Alcatraz		(8:10) Owning Mahowny *** (2003, Drama)		Star 80 *** (1983, Biography)		Star 80 *** (1983, Biography)		
39	39	39	SHOW	Mission: Imp. 2	Trailer Park	Mutant X		The Last Templar * (2009, Adventure)		Mira Sorvino.		Snakes
40	40	40	SLUCE	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		Project Runway Canada		Matchmaker
21	21	21	TLT	Toddler's & Tiaras		Table for 12	Table for 12	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	My First Home
22	22	22	W	Two Weeks	The Lake House ** (2006, Romance)	Keanu Reeves.	Sandra Bullock.	Miss Celebrity ** (2000, Comedy)		Miss Celebrity ** (2000, Comedy)		
27	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Addams Family ** (1991, Comedy).		Raul Julia		Naruto

SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funnest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition		Alma's Family (N)		Housewives
7	7	7	ASN	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Funnest Home Videos		The Amazing Race 14		Cold Case "Libertyville"		Medium
11	11	11	CBC	Wayne & Shuster: Legacy III		Figure Skating ISU World Championships - Women's Free.		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Who Do-Think
32	32	32	CBS	College Basketball		College Basketball		The Amazing Race 14		Cold Case "Libertyville"		The Unit
6	6	6	CHIF	16:9 Picture	King of the Hill	The Unit (HDTV) (N)		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	Desperate Housewives		etalk at the JUNOS (N)		The 2009 JUNO Awards (HDTV)		News (N)		
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Discretion"		American Dad	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Dateline NBC (N)		Kings "First Night" (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		
55	55	55	SCOR	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament		Score Update		The WWE Experience		Strikeforce		Poker
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		Curling 2009 World Women's Championship - Final. From Gangneung, South Korea.		Strikeforce		Strikeforce		Poker
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Sunblock"		CSI: Miami
70	70	70	APTN	Great Towns	MYTV	The Mix	Living, Dream	Arbor Live		Cobb ** (1994, Biography), Robert Wuhl		
37	37	37	BRVO	Mad Men		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Chasing Wild Horses		Twisted * (2004, Suspense)		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Net
18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters		Mega Heist Near perfect crimes. (N)		MythBusters		MythBusters
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Real Renos
46	46	46	HIST	Sinking an Aircraft Carrier		NCIS "Once a Hero"		Lost Secret of Omaha Beach		Saving Private Ryan **** (1998, War)		
17	17	17	MM	Gossip Girl (HDTV)		Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		Paris Hilton's British Friend		Redemption	Meet Barkers	Tila Tequila
206	206	206	PIX	(6) Stripes ** (1981)		(8:15) Dragonheart ** (1996, Fantasy) Dennis Quaid.		Zoanader ** (2001, Comedy)				
39	39	39	SHOW	(5) Click	Trailer Park	The Guard (HDTV)		The Last Templar * (2009, Adventure)		Mira Sorvino.		Damages
40	40	40	SLUCE	Last 10	Last 10	End of Leash	End of Leash	Tori & Dean	Tori & Dean	Real Housewives NYC		Style-Famous
21	21	21	TLT	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Royal Inquest
22	22	22	W	Miss Congenial	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery	Style by Jury	How I Married My High School Crush (2007, Romance)		Jewel (2001)		
27	27	27	YTV	Open Season ** (2006, Comedy), Ashton Kutcher		SpongeBob		Prank Patrol		In Real Life		Adrenaline Proj

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Kenya Hunt

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Five months after the tragic murders of three of her family members, Jennifer Hudson is moving forward with planning her wedding to David Otunga. "Yeah, but it's a secret," she told Ryan Seacrest during a recent taping of American Idol. **PEOPLE.COM**

Television

Silver lining on the recession cloud

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Ty Pennington is a big believer in the do-it-yourself movement.

The outspoken host of the hit ABC show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* — who adds official spokesman for the Ottawa Home & Garden Show to his resumé this weekend to go along with his vetting of the National Homes Show in Toronto in February — thinks the recession will only serve to make DIY more popular.

"Houses in general, and the way people look at them, will change," Pennington told Metro. "With things being tighter than they used to be, people are focusing more on what's really important."

While people were looking at houses as investments before, "it's about making it your nest" now, he said.

"People are personalizing their homes, making it fit their own family's needs. They're turning the dining room into an office or a kid's play area."

Ty Pennington

"People are personalizing their homes, making it fit their own family's needs. They're turning the dining room into an office or a kid's play area."

People are also putting more focus on their kitchens, said Pennington.

"When things get tight, people eat in more," he said. "I think people will spend more time at home fixing dinners and having family over."

Pennington, who got his big break as the carpenter on the home improvement series *Trading Spaces*, was catapulted into the mainstream as host of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. He also has an endorsement deal with

Sears and a three-year partnership with Marketplace Events, the largest organizer of consumer remodeling, home decor and gardening shows in North America.

Shows are a great way for people to get inspired about their surroundings, Pennington said.

"They give you incredible ideas," he said. "It lets you see what homes are going to be like in the future — you'll see state-of-the-art materials and green materials."

While he's sure people will be inspired by different things at the show, Pennington — who authored home improvement guide *Ty's Tricks: Home Repair Secrets Plus*

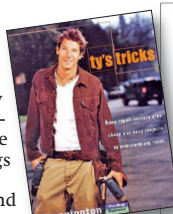
Cheap and Easy Projects to Transform Any Room — said there are things everyone can do, and things that should be left to the pros.

"If it doesn't have to do with electrical and plumbing, then absolutely, people can do it themselves," said Pennington.

Things that everyone can do include "adding colour to the walls, whether through paint, wallpaper, photos, fabric and plants."

"Things like that are very affordable, too," he said. "And things like photos create a little bit of life, and we all need that in our homes."

As for Pennington, he's grateful to be able to have such an effect on people's lives.



TV host Ty Pennington says the recession will be good for DIY improvements on people's homes as they stay in more often.

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Lohan movie headed for TV

Lindsay Lohan's new movie, *Labor Pains*, is headed straight to cable. The film's production company, Nu Image/Millennium Films, has confirmed that the comedy will premiere on ABC Family in July 2009. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

**Going Out****Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Quantum of Solace**

DVD The second installment of the James Bond franchise reboot may be a little thin on plot, but still packs more punch than any of the Pierce Brosnan revivals. In fact, the opening car chase involving an Aston Martin DBS (and Daniel Craig, of course) is worth the price of entry alone.

**2 Earth Hour**

CAUSE It's switch off and save the planet time. At 8:30 p.m. local time Saturday, environmentally conscious people all over the world will shut down their non-essential lights and electrical appliances for an hour to raise awareness about climate change.

3 The Hazards of Love: The Decemberists

ALBUM Colin Meloy & co. follow up their 2006 breakthrough *The Crane Wife* with a unique take on British folk, classic metal and prog rock. In keeping with the bombast of these genres, the 17-song album tells the tale of a woman ravaged by a shape-shifting animal, her lover, a forest queen and a cold-blooded rake.

**4 Colourful nails**

FASHION If celebrities like Rihanna, M.I.A. and Solange Knowles are any indication, wild coloured manicures (preferably embellished with rhinestones or airbrushed graphics) will be big for spring. To get started on the trend, try IM Beauty from Sephora by O.P.I., \$11. Available exclusively at Sephora stores or online at sephora.com.

**5 Junos**

AWARDS Canadian funny man Russell Peters returns to host the biggest celebration of Canadian music. Usual heavyweights such as Nickelback and Bryan Adams along with indie darlings The Stills are slated to perform. Airs live Sunday on CTV at 9 p.m. ET.

**6 D-Box Technologies**

ENTERTAINMENT Want to feel the roll of a wave or the punch of a gunshot as you see and hear it onscreen? This Quebec company has developed movie theatre seats that get you right in the thick of things. Fast And Furious, which opens next week, will feature the technology in a Hollywood theatre. D-Box plans to bring the technology to Canada soon.

7 Games on demand

TECH The console wars may soon be a thing of the past. California-based OnLive Inc. has developed technology that can deliver video games on demand, much like movies and music, over the Internet.

Mix of Six**Halifax Rainmen**

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Halifax Metro Centre
The Halifax Rainmen close out their season with a pair of home games against the Montreal Sasquatch. The Rainmen were officially eliminated last weekend.

Hairspray

When: Wednesday & Thursday
Where: Halifax Metro Centre
Hairspray, Broadway's musical comedy phenomenon that inspired a major motion picture is coming to Halifax for two nights.

Kris Kristofferson

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Schooner Room, 8 p.m.
Hailed as one of America's clearest and most important voices, Kris Kristofferson is playing back-to-back shows at Casino Nova Scotia.

Doubt

When: Through Sunday
Where: Neptune Theatre
Netpune's play, *Doubt: A Parable* Project closes its run this weekend, and Ubuntu: The Cape Town Project has its final performances at the Neptune Studio Theatre.

Symphony N.S.

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
If you're a fan of Queen, you won't want to miss Symphony Nova Scotia performing songs by the famous rock band.

Earth Hour

When: Saturday, 8 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Grand Parade Square
There will be a free concert and star gazing as HRM celebrates Earth Hour. Entertainment will be provided by Blown Glasket Orchestra.

Avis

Loi sur la protection des eaux navigables
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Nova Scotia Power Inc. donne avis, par les présentes, qu'une demande a été déposée auprès du ministre des Transports, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités en vertu de la *Loi sur la protection des eaux navigables*, pour l'approbation de l'ouvrage décrit dans les présentes, ainsi que son emplacement et ses plans.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. a, en vertu de l'article 9 de ladite loi, déposé auprès du ministre des Transports, de l'Infrastructure et du comté d'Halifax à Dartmouth, N.-É. sous le numéro de dépôt 92967588 une description de l'ouvrage suivant, son emplacement et ses plans :

Demande d'autorisation relative aux travaux de remplissage, de déversement et de captage, en cours à l'heure actuelle ou projetés dans, sur, sous, au-dessus ou à travers du port d'Halifax à la station de génération Tufts Cove à 44 40 30 N et 63 35 44 W, NAD83.

Les commentaires relatifs à l'effet de l'ouvrage sur la navigation maritime peuvent être adressés au Gestionnaire, Programme de la protection des eaux navigables, Transport Canada, C.P. 1013, Dartmouth, N.-É., B2Y 4K2. Veuillez noter que seuls les commentaires faits par écrit et reçus au plus tard 30 jours suivant la date de cet avis seront considérés. Même si tous les commentaires répondant à ces exigences sont considérés, aucune réponse individuelle ne sera envoyée.

Fait à Halifax, le 18 mars 2009 par Kenneth Meade.



Notice

Navigable Waters Protection Act
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Nova Scotia Power Inc. hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities pursuant to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to section 9 of the said Act, Nova Scotia Power Inc. has deposited with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and in the office of Land Registry, Halifax County at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia under deposit number 92967588 a description of the following work, its site and plans:

Application for Approval for Existing/Proposed Infill, Outfall and Intake in, on, over, under, through or across Halifax Harbour at Tufts Cove Generating Station at 44 40 30N and 63 35 44 W, NAD83.

Comments regarding the effect of this work on marine navigation may be directed to: The Manager, Navigable Waters and Protection Program, Transport Canada, P.O. Box 1013, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 4K2. However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing and are received not later than 30 days after the date of this notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Signed by Kenneth Meade, Halifax, March 18, 2009.



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Lauer returns with injured arm

With his arm in a sling, Matt Lauer returned to the Today show Thursday, days after he dislocated his shoulder in a bicycle accident. "I feel good," he told co-anchor Ann Curry. "I doubled up on the meds so I'm ready for all your jokes." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Entertainment

Fans of New Moon will be surprised by film, says star

MOVIES For Twilight movie fans who are anxiously awaiting the sequel but haven't read the second book in the vampire series, New Moon, the film's star Robert Pattinson offers this advice — be ready for something different and perhaps a little strange.

Pattinson became an overnight sensation play-

ing a lovestruck vampire in the smash hit that sucked \$373.4 million from global box offices, and he is in Vancouver, Canada, this week starting production on the film version of New Moon.

Before that sequel lands in theaters in November, Pattinson plays eccentric painter Salvador Dali in Little Ashes, which opens

in art houses May 8 and tells of a homosexual love affair between Dali and the poet Federico Garcia Lorca.

But for now his turn as immortal vampire Edward Cullen, who falls in love



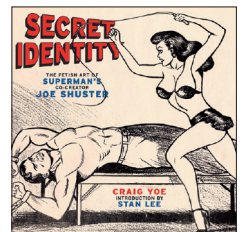
Pattinson

with high school girl Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) in Twilight, has catapulted him to fame and his fans are dying for details on New Moon. "Twilight was about finding first love and the difficulties of that, but New Moon is really about loss and reconciliation, but the reconciliation isn't completely full."

REUTERS



ABOVE: Superman's co-creator Joe Shuster, circa 1941. RIGHT: Secret Identity: The Fetish Art of Superman's Co-Creator Joe Shuster by Craig Yoe.



'Super' secret

New book discusses Clark Kent co-creator's S&M art

The artist who co-created Clark Kent and Superman had his own secret identity — as an illustrator of sadomasochistic pulp books.

"This stuff was highly illegal — you couldn't mail it across state lines," said artist and comics historian Craig Yoe.

In his new book, Secret Identity: The Fetish Art of Superman's Co-Creator Joe Shuster — due to hit store shelves in April — Yoe describes finding a copy of the pulp porn Nights of Horror in a used bookstore.

Seeing the unsigned pictures in the book, his immediate reaction was "Oh my God, Joe Shuster." The Superman artist's work was like a fingerprint, he said, adding heads of the comic industry had the same reaction to the artwork in the pulp novel.

Yoe says the story be-

hind the Nights of Horror artwork, which he chronicles in his book, is as lurid as the drawings: Shuster's bitter departure from D.C. Comics and the Superman he created, his two decades in obscurity, dirty cops, showgirls, Brooklyn

thrill killers, bullwhips and a senate investigation that nearly collapsed the comic book industry.

"It's too crazy for comic books," Yoe said.

Some of the pictures remain unnerving today, he adds. But Shuster's illegal artwork — which had 80 detectives searching for its creators — still adhered to certain odd standards of the time.

"They had whipping and chaining but you can't show nipples on men," Yoe said.

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CSI star getting divorced

CSI star Marg Helgenberger filed for divorce from her husband Alan Rosenberg, TMZ.com reports. The actress, 50, cites irreconcilable differences in the papers filed in Los Angeles Superior Court. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

Natasha Richardson to be an organ donor

The family of British actress Natasha Richardson, who died of a head injury last week after a skiing accident, has donated her organs to others fighting for their lives, according to media reports.

Richardson, 45, died in a New York hospital last Wednesday, two days after falling and hitting her head during a private ski lesson at Mont Tremblant resort in Quebec. She was not wearing a helmet at the time.

People magazine said her family, including her Irish actor husband Liam Neeson, requested after she was removed from life support that her or-

gans be donated to other patients in need.

The website quoted a family friend as saying organ donation "is very Natasha."

"She spent so much time fighting the stigma of AIDS; someone like that would naturally donate her organs. At least by donating her

organs something good could come out of (the tragedy)."

Figures from the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network showed that as of March 25 about

101,257 people were waiting for organ transplants in the United States with about 19 people dying a day while waiting for a suitable donor.

Neeson and the couple's two sons, aged 13 and 12, her actress mother Vanessa Redgrave and her sister Joey Richardson were joined on Sunday by friends and family to mourn the loss of the Tony-winning actress at a funeral in Millbrook, upstate New York, where the family lived.

Neeson was expected to return to work on the Toronto set of his upcoming drama *Chloe* while the boys were headed back to school, People said. **REUTERS**



Madonna to adopt in Malawi again?

MADONNA Pop star Madonna, who has said she may adopt another child from Malawi, may visit the southern African country in the next few days, a government official said on Thursday.

Officials said Madonna will bring her Malawian son David, whose adoption was controversial. Critics accused the government of skirting laws that ban non-residents from adopting children in Malawi, which has been badly hit by an AIDS epidemic.

"We expect her over the weekend or earlier than that ... but without a doubt she is coming before the end of this month," the official at the Ministry of Gender and Child Development told Reuters.

The local Nation newspaper this month quoted

Madonna as saying that Malawian friends had told her David needed a brother or sister and that she would consider adopting another child, but only with the support of the Malawian people.

Child rights activist John Soo Phiri said Madonna may find it more difficult to adopt another child as a single parent after her divorce from film director Guy Ritchie.

"She will have to prove that as a single parent she still has the abilities to raise another child alone," said Phiri.

David's father, Yohane Banda, told Reuters that he may see his son next week.

"Someone ... told me that my son may be visiting me sometime next week. I am delighted, I want to see my son," he said. **REUTERS**

Anti-mafia film raises ire of family

An Italian film inspired by the tragic death of a celebrated anti-Mafia informer has sparked controversy with her relatives and an association named in her memory.

La Siciliana Ribelle (The Rebellious Sicilian) tells the story of Rita Atria, a 17-year-old girl from a Mafia family who braved the fury of the organization in 1991 by collaborating with authorities after the Mafia killed her father and brother.

A year later, Atria was dead: Throwing herself from the seventh storey of her Roman safe house in despair just a week after the Mafia killed her protector, Mafia attorney Paolo Borsellino, with a car bomb in Sicily.

In her diary she wrote: "You have died for what you believed in, but without you, I too am dead."

For its director Marco Amenta, who also made a documentary about Atria, the film is an "important and symbolic story." Although the central character of the film is called Rita Mancuso, she clearly represents the tormented Atria.

"It is an homage to Rita

Atria, but it is also a universal story, a human story, the story of a little girl who fights against a big power," he told Reuters.

For him, Rita's significance lies partly in that she was the first young woman from a Mafia family to revolt openly against such a resolutely masculine organization.

But Rita's family have condemned the film. Her niece, Vita Maria Atria, who has been in hiding since 1992, said she was tired of "seeing speculation about her aunt's memory."

Vita Maria Atria

"I don't believe that any of this helps to commemorate my aunt, but only serves economic ends which I really do not consider appropriate."

of this helps to commemorate my aunt, but only serves economic ends which I really do not consider appropriate," she said.

Vita Maria said Amenta had not returned family footage "entrusted to him in good faith" for the 1997 documentary.

Together with the Rita Atria Anti-Mafia Association (ritaatria.it), Vita Maria complained the documentary did not sufficiently alter faces and voices as agreed, placing herself and her mother in serious danger. **REUTERS**

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Kim Kardashian's got nothing to hide — "So what: I have a little cellulite. What curvy girl doesn't," she writes on her blog in response to an untouched magazine photo of her that was released on the Internet. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

New sound snubbed

CAREER Mark Ronson has offered to help save Amy Winehouse's career, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The producer — who worked with the troubled star on her award-winning LP *Back to Black* — has agreed to work on the singer's third album after she failed to impress record label bosses with her new material. It was recently claimed bosses at Wine-

house's record label had rejected the reggae-influenced tracks she composed while holidaying in the Caribbean.

A source said: "She seems to have ditched her trademark vintage soul sound and is now heavily influenced by reggae. Her bosses don't think it's a wise move."

However, Universal Records later denied the claims.

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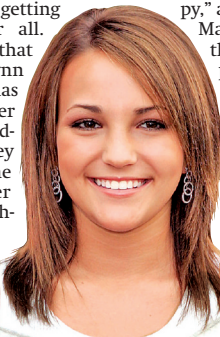
Jamie Lynn cancels wedding

RELATIONSHIPS Britney's little sister isn't getting hitched after all. Sources say that Jamie Lynn Spears has called off her planned wedding to Casey Aldridge, the father of her infant daughter.

"They are still in love, liv-

ing together and very happy," a source tells OK! Magazine. "But they have no plans to get married. Jamie Lynn has everything she wants and feels no need for a ring and piece of paper."

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Madonna makes a tweet

PEOPLE Madonna popped up on the newly popular Twitter recently, or at least that's what her manager, Guy Oseary, claimed when he posted he was sitting right next to her and would be taking questions for about 10

minutes recently. An eager fan took a dig at Guy Ritchie by posting that he was glad the singer is single again. "You made your best music as a single woman!" A moment later, this reply came: "Not as glad as I am!"

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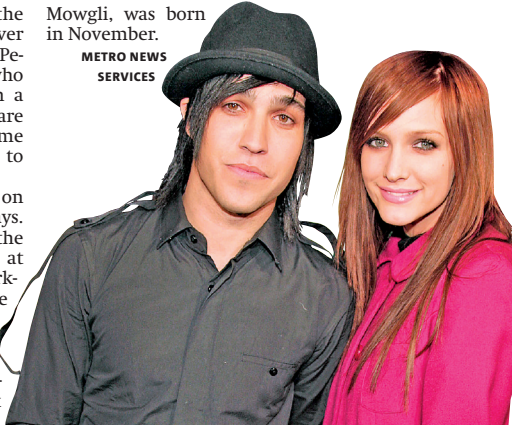
Marriage on the rocks?

MARRIAGE Looks like the honeymoon may be over for Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz. The couple, who were married less than a year ago in May 2008, are reportedly facing some problems, according to Page Six.

"Ashlee and Pete are on the rocks," a source says. "He is going out all the time and she's stuck at home. It's just not working." A rep for the couple denies the story, saying, "This is not true. Everything is fine in their world." The couple's first child, Bronx

Mowgli, was born in November.

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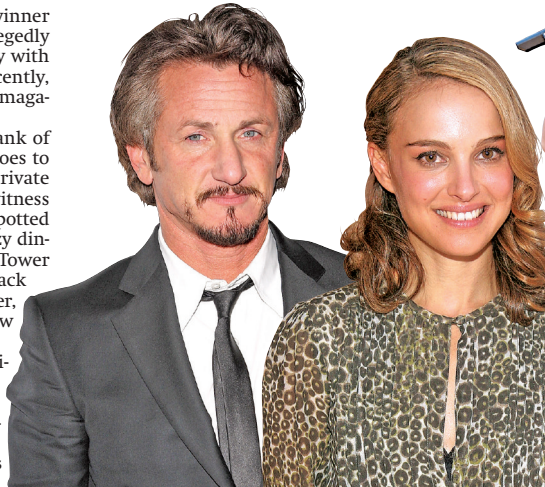
Penn and Portman get cozy?

RUMOUR Oscar-winner Sean Penn was allegedly spotted getting frisky with Natalie Portman recently, according to Star magazine.

"They went to a bank of elevators that only goes to the spa or to private rooms," says an eyewitness who claims to have spotted the pair having a cozy dinner at the Sunset Tower Hotel. "They came back about 45 minutes later, and that's when I saw them making out."

Penn filed for divorce from his wife, Robin Wright Penn, in 2007, but the couple reconciled.

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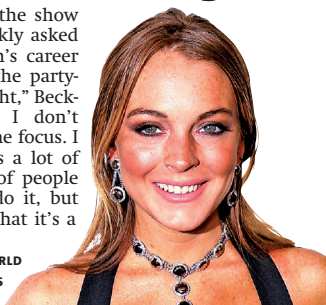


Host scoffs at Lohan's modelling idea

CAREER Tyson Beckford isn't too impressed with Lindsay Lohan's aspirations to give up acting and be a model full time. And he should know, as he hosts the Bravo show *Make Me a Supermodel*.

At a party for the show recently, *Us Weekly* asked him about Lohan's career goals. "She has the partying part down right," Beckford says. "But I don't think she's got the focus. I mean, it requires a lot of focus and a lot of people think they can do it, but they really find that it's a lot harder."

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Rihanna gets gun tattoo

PEOPLE Rihanna has been continuing her break from Chris Brown in interesting ways. The singer just got a tattoo of a gun under her arm. According to top L.A.

tattoo artist Bang-Bang, Rihanna originally wanted two gun tattoos, one on each shoulder, but "decided against having them in such a prominent position

because of her contract with Cover Girl," reports Britain's the Sun.

Bang-Bang took to his website to brag about the work, saying he really wanted to go with the original placement. "She loved 'em," he wrote.

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Tony's great, Jess' dad insists

PEOPLE In other Simpson family news, papa Joe Simpson is taking to his Twitter account to refute a recent story by the National Enquirer claiming he wants daughter Jessica Simpson to dump her boyfriend, Tony Romo. The story reported that Joe blames Romo for distracting Jessica.

In response, Joe posted, "So tired of people saying I don't like Jess and Tony ... He is the best ... Don't believe the National Enquirer!!!"

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Ryan gushes over Twilight stars

PEOPLE Turns out Ryan Reynolds is a big fan of *Twilight* — or at least of the hit movie's stars.

MTV News asked him recently about the phenomenon, and Reynolds responded, "Oh my God, are you kidding me? Robert Pattinson in a word: Dreamy."

The *Wolverine*: Origins star also had some nice things to say about Pattinson's co-star, Kristen Stewart. "She's an old, old soul," he said. "I wonder if she's one of the Golden Girls with a great face-lift."

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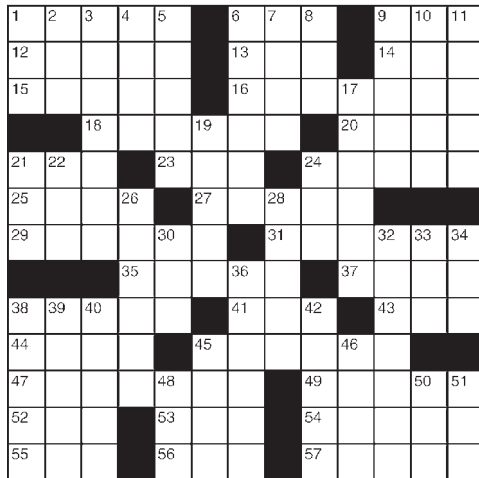
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Crossword across

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6 Yon maiden
9 Squabble
12 Less infirm
13 Pick a target
14 Will Smith biopic role
15 Pedro's pal
16 Sleep
18 Unassuming
20 Reed instrument
21 "CSI" workplace
23 Preceding
24 Off somehow
25 Neighbourhood
27 Away from others
29 Late August births
31 Sarge, e.g.

- 35 Upright
37 Quaker pronoun
38 Arab bigwig
41 "— Poetica"
43 S.A. nation
44 Dumbo's "wings"
45 For now
47 Snake handler?
49 River bend
52 Matterhorn, for one
53 GIs' entertainers
54 La Scala show
55 Allow
56 Comprehended
57 "Two Women" Oscar winner

Crossword down

- 1 Half a dance?
2 Sweet potato
3 Mountaineer
4 Building block name
5 Wear down
6 Talks back to
7 Sword handle
8 Flightless bird
9 Shul VIP
10 Bread spreads
11 Mess behind a desk
17 Second
19 Obliterate
21 Restroom, for short
22 Onassis, to pals
24 Commotion

- 26 Bias against the elderly
28 Preamble
30 Mork's home planet
32 Room
33 "— the ramparts ..."
34 "Family Guy" daughter
36 Snowman's nose
38 Calyx component
39 Actress Berry
40 Blow one's top
42 Perry Como prop, often
45 Mexican money
46 Big fair, briefly
48 Glitch
50 Tramcar load
51 Ashy

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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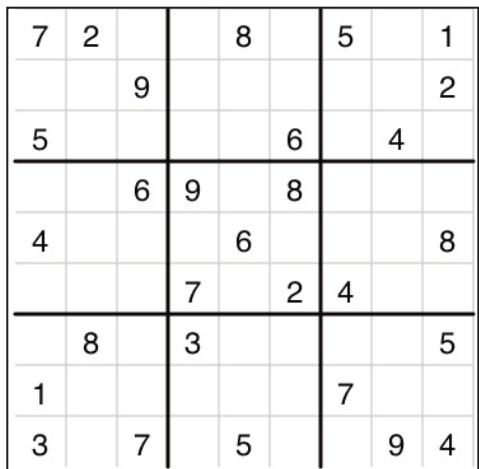
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Spaghetti with Chickpeas and Spicy Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 celery stalk, finely chopped
1 can (14 oz / 398 ml) chickpeas, rinsed
12 oz (375 g) spaghetti
2 14-oz (398-ml) cans chickpeas, rinsed
1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot sauce
2 cups (500 ml) baby spinach leaves
salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup (75 ml) Pecorino Romano cheese

METHOD:

1. Heat olive oil in heavy pot, add onion and garlic, then cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 3 minutes.
2. Add celery and sauté,

stirring, 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes with their juice and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until thick, about 15 minutes.

3. Cook spaghetti in large pot of boiling water according to package instructions.

4. When sauce is cooked, stir in chickpeas and hot sauce. Add spinach and simmer, stirring, until spinach wilts, 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper.

5. Drain spaghetti and toss with chickpeas and tomato sauce. Serve immediately, sprinkled with cheese.

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A flippant attitude makes you wonder about someone. A mistake will make a carefree companion face reality. You'll make your own luck.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Look up to find the source of a noise. Make some guidelines for a steadfast person. Helpers are challenging past expectations.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Find the strength to modify your commitments. Some people are too unpredictable. Happiness is found in a positive turn of events.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A mischievous pal refuses to be a bother. A specialist will be helpful. A quiet woman will push you forward into the future.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A happy-go-lucky guy flies in the face of envy. Reactions are given about a dark-haired woman. Keep busy so you don't have to think.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Accusations of unreasonableness make for thundering voices. A foreign friend walks away from a dispute. A troublemaker has excuses handy.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A vindictive man will shockingly express gratitude. Don't consider the possibility of relocating. You're shown how to get something done.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You'll laugh when a joker meets a sweet newcomer. A man blocks a plan. It's the right time to admit that you were wrong.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Make a safer plan before time runs out. Show a respectful silence for someone's blubbing. Help someone walk free from a conflict.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A tactless woman is starved for love. Consider exposing a fiendish game. Be merciful to others after job anxiety eases.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Make amends with a sarcastic person. Convince someone to make a revision. Somebody is raring to go.

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Everything will work out if you prove your ability. A frowning female gets the upper hand. A sad person reaches out.

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